

REMARKS

Claims 18-22 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 18 and 19 are amended for improved clarity. No new matter is added.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments to claims 18 and 19 place the application in condition for allowance and do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the Final Rejection and responsive to suggestions discussed during the telephone interview. Further, Applicants thank Examiner Chu for indicating, during the March 23, 2009 telephone interview, that these amendments would be entered without a Request for Continued Examination. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

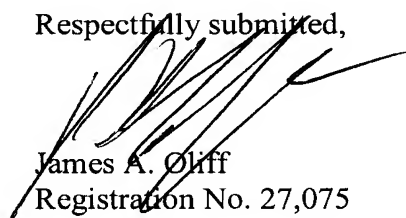
Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 18-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, as discussed below, claims 18 and 19 are amended responsive to the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection, and as suggested by the Final Rejection. Thus, for at least these reasons and those discussed below, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18, and claims 19-22 depending therefrom, are in allowable condition and thus the application is in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejects claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 18 and 19 to obviate these rejections, based on the Examiner's suggestions in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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